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An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places Infected, more effectually to perform their Quarentine.

WHereas ſeveral Places on or near the *Baltick* Sea are and have been, for ſome time paſt, Infected with the Plague; and her Majeſty, for preventing that Infection being brought into her Dominions by Perſons or Merchandizes coming from Places Infected, hath by ſeveral Orders made by her in Council, and by her Royal Proclamation, dated the Ninth Day of *November*, in the Ninth Year of her Majeſty's Reign, required a Quarentine to be performed by all Ships and Perſons coming from Places Infected, as therein is directed: And whereas it is neceſſary that ſome Proviſion be made by Act of Parliament, for obliging all Perſons concerned to perform their Quarentine in ſuch manner as hath been or ſhall be, in Times of Infection, ordered by her Majeſty, her Heirs and Succeſſors, and for puniſhing Offenders therein, in a more expeditious manner than at preſent can be in the ordinary Methods of the Law; Be it Enacted by the Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That during the preſent Infection, and in all future Times, when any Foreign Countries or Places ſhall be Infected with the Plague, all Ships or Veſſels coming into the Kingdom of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, from Places ſo infected, ſhall be obliged to make their Quarentine in ſuch Place and Places, for ſuch Time, and in ſuch Manner, as hath been, or as ſhall from time to time be directed for that purpoſe, by her Majeſty, her Heirs or Succeſſors; and that during the time, and until the reſpective Ships ſhall be diſcharged of ſuch Quarentine, no Perſons coming, or Goods Imported in ſuch Ship or Ships, ſhall come on Shore, or go on any other Ship, or be Landed, or put into any other Ship, Veſſel or Boat, in any Place within her Majeſty's Dominions; nor ſhall any Perſon go on Board any ſuch Ship, without Licence, for the reſpective purpoſes aforeſaid, firſt had and obtained in Writing under the Hand of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be Authorized and Appointed to take care to ſee ſuch Quarentine duly performed; and that the ſaid Ships, and the Perſons and Goods coming and imported in, or going on Board the ſame, during the time of Quarentine, and all Ships, Veſſels, Boats and Perſons receiving any Goods or Perſons under Quarentine, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch Orders, Rules and Directions touching Quarentine, as hath been, or ſhall be made by her Majeſty, her Heirs or Succeſſors, and notified by Proclamation.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the Five and twentieth Day of *December*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ten, if any Commander, or Maſter, or other Perſon taking Charge of any Ship or Veſſel, ſo coming from any Place infected as aforeſaid, ſhall himſelf, or ſhall permit or ſuffer any Seaman belonging to ſuch Ship, or any Paſſenger therein, to quit ſuch Ship or Veſſel, by going on Shore, or by going on Board any other Ship, Boat or Veſſel whatſoever, during the time of the ſaid Quarentine, and until ſuch Ship ſhall be diſcharged from Quarentine, without ſuch Licence firſt had and obtained as aforeſaid, then and in all and every ſuch Caſe and Caſes, every ſuch Ship and Veſſel, with her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, ſhall be Forfeited to her Majeſty, her Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſhall and may be ſeized, ſued for, and recovered in the Court of Exchequer, to the Uſe of her Majeſty, her Heirs and Succeſſors: And further, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, arrived or who ſhall arrive in any Port or Place within the Realms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in any Ship or Veſſel which ſhall, by reaſon of its coming from any Foreign Country infected with the Plague, be obliged to do Quarentine, ſhall, after the ſaid Five and twentieth Day of *December*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ten, quit ſuch Ship or Veſſel, by coming on Shore, or by going on Board any other Ship or Veſſel before or while under ſuch Quarentine, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Perſons appointed to ſee the Quarentine duly performed to compel, and, in caſe of Reſiſtance, by Force and Violence to compel ſuch Perſon or Perſons to return on Board ſuch Ships, and there to remain during the time of Quarentine; and ſuch Perſon ſo leaving ſuch Ship, and being thereof, at any time after the Expiration of his Quarentine, convicted by the Oath of one or more credible Witneſſes, before any one or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace living near the Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, ſhall Forfeit ſuch Sum, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, as ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall adjudge, to be forthwith paid down into the Hands of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, who are hereby impowered, according to his or their Diſcretions, to reward the Informer out of the ſame, not exceeding One third part, and are hereby required to pay the remainder (neceſſary Charges being deducted) to the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Conviction ſhall be had; and in default of ſuch Payment, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace to commit ſuch Offender to the Houſe of Correction, there to be kept to Hard Labour for any time not exceeding One Month.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon whatſoever, from and after the ſaid Five and twentieth Day of *December*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ten, ſhall preſume to go on Board, and return from any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſo required to do Quarentine, before or during the time of ſuch Quarentine, without ſuch Licence, as aforeſaid, every ſuch Offender ſhall and may be compelled, and, in caſe of Reſiſtance, may by Force and Violence be compelled by the Perſons appointed as aforeſaid, to return on Board ſuch Ship, and there to remain during the time of her Quarentine; and the Maſter of ſuch Ship is hereby obliged to keep and maintain ſuch Perſon Aboard accordingly.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be Lawful for any Officer